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# Welcoming the Next Generation of Navy Medicine in the shadow of the Liberty Bell

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U.S. Navy Medical Corps Officers during their commissioning ceremony at Independence Hall Center in Philidelphia, Pa. The Liberty Bell can be seen in the background.

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I recently had the great honor of being invited to participate in the commissioning ceremony of some of the next generation of Navy Medical Corps Officers. It was particularly fitting that the ceremony took place on a beautiful day in Philadelphia, right there at the Liberty Bell/Independence Hall Center not long after the 4th of July. I can't think of any better place to be commissioned into the US Navy, and I was proud to have been a part of it!

It was particularly touching for me to see so many families there supporting their sons and daughters as they entered into this impressive phase of their professional lives. Not only were they entering into the profession of Medicine, they were entering the unique and special organization that is the United States Navy.

It was quite obvious that their accomplishments thus far, as well as the potential accomplishments yet to come based on their chosen career paths, were something all in attendance were very proud of. It will not take these special people long to understand the satisfaction of knowing that they are doing something very important for themselves, their families and neighbors, and for their country.



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Great article! It is a thought provoking combination of both our future and our traditions.

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